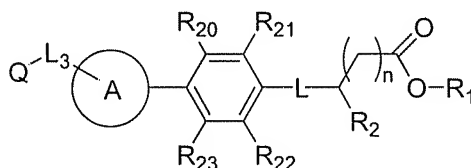


### Listing of claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

n is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

R<sub>1</sub> is H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl;

R<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-C(O)NH<sub>2</sub>, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-C(O)NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-C(O)N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-S(O)<sub>b</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) hydroxyalkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-heterocycloalkyl, wherein the heterocycloalkyl group is optionally fused to a phenyl ring and wherein the heterocycloalkyl portion, the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, -SO<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy; wherein b is 0, 1, or 2;

R<sub>20</sub>, R<sub>21</sub>, R<sub>22</sub>, and R<sub>23</sub> are independently H, arylalkoxy, arylalkyl, halogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, OH, alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl)(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl), NH-aryl, NHC(O)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)-aryl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)C(O)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-aryl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-aryl, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>-aryl, or -N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl)SO<sub>2</sub>aryl, wherein each of the above aryl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>

alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO<sub>2</sub>, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy;

L is ~~SO<sub>2</sub>NH-~~, ~~SO<sub>2</sub>N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl~~, ~~NHSO<sub>2</sub>-~~, ~~N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl)SO<sub>2</sub>-~~, ~~O-~~, ~~-C(O)NH-~~, ~~-C(O)N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-~~, ~~SO<sub>2</sub>-~~, ~~-C(O)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-~~, ~~-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-C(O)-~~, ~~NH-~~, ~~-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl) O N=~~, or ~~N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)-~~, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, wherein the phenyl is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO<sub>2</sub>, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;

L<sub>3</sub> is a bond, ~~absent~~, ~~-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-O-~~, ~~-O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl~~, ~~-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-~~, ~~-C(O)-~~, ~~-C(O)NH-~~, or ~~-NHC(O)-~~;

the A-ring is aryl selected from the group consisting of phenyl, naphthyl and fluorenyl, ~~or heteroaryl~~, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl;

Q is ~~H-~~, aryl, heteroaryl, ~~-heteroaryl-alkyl~~, ~~-aryl-heteroaryl~~, ~~aryl-C(O)-aryl~~, ~~aryl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)-aryl~~, ~~heteroaryl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)-aryl~~, ~~-heteroaryl-aryl~~, wherein the aryl group is a phenyl, naphthyl, or fluorenyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, or phenyl; wherein

R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> are independently H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, aryl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, alkanoyl, arylalkanoyl, alkoxycarbonyl, arylalkoxycarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkylcarbonyl, -C(O)NH<sub>2</sub>, -C(O)NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, -C(O)N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, or -SO<sub>2</sub>-aryl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted

with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, haloalkyl or haloalkoxy

provided that when Q is heteroaryl, -heteroaryl-alkyl, heteroaryl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)-aryl, or -heteroaryl-aryl, wherein the heteroaryl group is not benzofuranyl, benzothienyl, oxazolyl, or 2,3-dihydrothienyl, then L<sub>3</sub> is not a bond and

provided that the compound is not:

(2R)-2-((3,5-dichloro-3'-phenyl(1,1'-biphenyl)-4-yl)oxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid, or

2-(4'-(2-benzylfuro[2,3-b]pyridin-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yloxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid.

2. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1, wherein

R<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-C(O)NH<sub>2</sub>, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-C(O)NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-C(O)N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-S(O)<sub>b</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) hydroxyalkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phthalimidyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-piperidinyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-pyrrolidinyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-morpholinyl, wherein the phthalimidyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or morpholinyl groups are optionally fused to a phenyl ring and wherein said phthalimidyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or morpholinyl groups are, the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, -SO<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)haloalkyl, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)haloalkoxy; wherein b is 0, 1, or 2; and

Q is ~~H~~, pyrido[1,2-a]indolyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, indoliziny, imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine, -phenyl-C(O)-phenyl, -phenyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, -pyridyl-phenyl, fluorenyl, -fluorenyl-pyridyl, -fluorenyl-phenyl, -benzofuranyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, -benzimidazolyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, benzoxazolyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, indoliziny, benzofuranyl, -indolyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, -phenyl-benzoxazolyl, benzo[b]thienyl, dibenzo[b,d]furan, phenyl, or dibenzothienyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, or phenyl; wherein

R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> are independently H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, aryl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, alkanoyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkanoyl, alkoxycarbonyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkoxycarbonyl, pyridylcarbonyl, pyridyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinylcarbonyl, -C(O)NH<sub>2</sub>, -C(O)NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, -C(O)N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, or -SO<sub>2</sub>-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub> or OCF<sub>3</sub>.

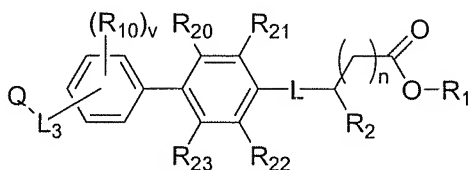
3. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 2, wherein

the A-ring is selected from phenyl, or naphthyl, ~~pyridyl, thiazolyl, benzofuranyl, dibenzofuranyl, pyrrolyl, furanyl, isoindolyl, or indolyl~~ each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, or N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl; and

R<sub>20</sub>, R<sub>21</sub>, R<sub>22</sub>, and R<sub>23</sub> are independently H, phenylalkoxy, phenylalkyl, halogen, alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub>, OH, alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, NH-phenyl, NHC(O)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)C(O)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-phenyl, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>-phenyl, or -N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl)SO<sub>2</sub>phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> haloalkyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> haloalkoxy.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim ~~4~~ 3, of the formula



wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is H or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl;

R<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-C(O)NH<sub>2</sub>, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-S(O)<sub>b</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) hydroxyalkyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, -SO<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)haloalkyl, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)haloalkoxy;

v is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

R<sub>10</sub> at each occurrence is independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, or N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl; and

L<sub>3</sub> is a bond, ~~absent~~, -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-, or -C(O)-.

6. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 5, wherein

Q is ~~H~~, pyrido[1,2-a]indolyl, indolyl, imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine, -phenyl-C(O)-phenyl, -phenyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, fluorenyl, -benzofuranyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, indoliziny, benzofuranyl, -indolyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-phenyl, -phenyl-benzoxazolyl, benzo[b]thienyl, dibenzo[b,d]furan, phenyl, or dibenzothienyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, or phenyl; wherein

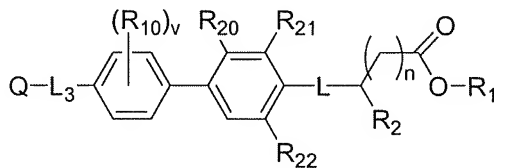
R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> are independently H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, aryl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, alkanoyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkanoyl, alkoxycarbonyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkoxycarbonyl, pyridylcarbonyl, pyridyl, pyrrolidinylcarbonyl, or -SO<sub>2</sub>-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub> or OCF<sub>3</sub>.

7. (Original) A compound according to claim 6, wherein R<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, or -SO<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub> or OCF<sub>3</sub>; and R<sub>20</sub>, R<sub>21</sub>, R<sub>22</sub>, and R<sub>23</sub> are independently selected from H, halogen, alkyl, OH, alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, or N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl)(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl).

8. (Original) A compound according to claim 7, wherein L<sub>3</sub> is a bond, -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-, or -C(O)-;

Q is indolyl, -phenyl-C(O)-phenyl, -benzofuranyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, indoliziny, benzofuranyl, -indolyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-phenyl, benzo[b]thienyl, dibenzo[b,d]furan, phenyl, or dibenzothienyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, carbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, or phenyl; wherein R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> are independently H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, alkanoyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkanoyl, alkoxy, carbonyl, pyridyl, carbonyl, pyridyl, pyrrolidinyl, carbonyl, or -SO<sub>2</sub>-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub> or OCF<sub>3</sub>.

9. (Original) A compound according to claim 8 of the formula:



10-13. (Withdrawn)

14. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim ~~13~~ 9, wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is H;

R<sub>21</sub> is H, NO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, or halogen; and

R<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, wherein each phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4

groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, or -SO<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub> or OCF<sub>3</sub>.

15. (Original) A compound according to claim 14, wherein L<sub>3</sub> is a bond, -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, or -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-; Q is indolyl, -phenyl-C(O)-phenyl, -benzofuranyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, indoliziny, benzofuranyl, or -indolyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-phenyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, or phenyl; wherein R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> are independently H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, alkanoyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkanoyl, alkoxycarbonyl, pyridylcarbonyl, pyrrolidinylcarbonyl, or -SO<sub>2</sub>-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub> or OCF<sub>3</sub>.

16-27. (Withdrawn)

30. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 selected from the group consisting of  
({4'-[3-(benzylamino)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-yl]biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetic acid;  
{[4'-(5-methyl-1H-indol-1-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetic acid;  
({4'-[3-(butylamino)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-yl]biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetic acid;



methyl ({4'-[(2-benzoylphenoxy)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetate;  
 methyl ({4'-[(2-benzylphenoxy)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetate;  
 methyl ({4'-[(9H-fluoren-2-yloxy)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetate;  
 methyl ({4'-[(3-benzoylphenoxy)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetate;  
 ({4'-[(3-benzoylphenoxy)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 ({4'-[(2-benzoylphenoxy)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetic acid;  
~~2-{{4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}oxy}-3-phenylpropanoic acid;~~  
 {[4'-(1-butyldolizidin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetic acid;  
~~{4-(1-benzyl-1H-indol-6-yl)phenoxy}(phenyl)acetic acid;~~  
 ({4'-[10-(ethoxycarbonyl)pyrido[1,2-a]indol-3-yl]biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 {[4'-(1-benzofuran-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 {[4'-(1H-indol-1-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 methyl {[4'-(1-benzyl-1H-indol-6-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetate;  
~~4-(4'-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-biphenyl-4-yl)-4-oxo-2-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-butyric acid~~  
 {[4'-(1-benzyl-1H-indol-6-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 {[4'-(1-benzyl-1H-indol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetic acid;

2-([4'-(1-butylindolizin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]oxy)propanoic acid;

~~N-([4'-(1-butylindolizin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl)phenylalanine;~~

~~N-([4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl)phenylalanine;~~

~~N-benzyl-N-([4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl)glycine;~~

~~([4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl)amino)(phenyl)acetic acid;~~

(2R)-2-([4'-(1-butylindolizin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]oxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

(2S)-2-([4'-(1-butylindolizin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]oxy)-4-phenylbutanoic acid;

~~([4'-[(2-butyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl]oxy)(phenyl)acetic acid;~~

~~ethyl-N-([4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalaninate;~~

~~N-([4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;~~

~~ethyl-N-([4'-(1-butylindolizin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]carbonyl)phenylalaninate;~~

~~N-([4'-(1-butylindolizin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]carbonyl)phenylalanine;~~

{[2'-(1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl)-1,1':4',1''-terphenyl-4-yl]oxy}(phenyl)acetic acid;

([4'-[(2-butyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)carbonyl]biphenyl-4-yl]oxy)(phenyl)acetic acid;

~~methyl-([4'-(1-butylindolizin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl)(phenyl)acetate;~~

~~N-{{4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}carbonyl}phenylalanine;~~  
~~N-{{4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}carbonyl}-~~  
~~N-methylphenylalanine;~~  
~~{{4'-(1-butylindolizin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}sulfonyl}(phenyl)acetic acid;~~  
~~{{{4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}carbonyl}amino}(phenyl)acetic acid;~~  
~~2-{{4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}oxy}propanoic acid;~~  
~~{{4'-(1-butylindolizin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}amino}(phenyl)acetic acid;~~  
~~N-{{4'-[(2-butyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl}sulfonyl}-N-methylphenylalanine;~~  
~~N-{{4'-[(2-butyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl}carbonyl}-N-methylphenylalanine;~~  
~~N-{{4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}carbonyl}-~~  
~~N-methylvaline;~~  
~~2-benzyl-4-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]-~~  
~~4-oxobutanoic acid;~~  
~~N-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl]phenylalanine;~~  
~~N-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl]-N-~~  
~~methyl-L-phenylalanine;~~  
~~N-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl]-N-~~  
~~methyl-D-phenylalanine;~~  
~~N-{{4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-fluorobiphenyl-4-yl}sulfonyl}phenylalanine;~~  
~~{{4'-(1-benzothien-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}oxy}(phenyl)acetic~~  
~~acid;~~

~~N-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl]-N-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-L-phenylalanine;~~

~~[(4'-dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-ylbiphenyl-4-yl)oxy](phenyl)acetic acid;~~

~~N-[[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-fluorobiphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl]-N-methylphenylalanine;~~

~~[(4''-butyl-1,1':4',1''-terphenyl-4-yl)oxy](phenyl)acetic acid;~~

~~N<sup>2</sup>-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl]glutamine;~~

~~4-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]-2-[2-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2H-isoindol-2-yl)ethyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;~~

~~[(4'-[(2-benzyl-7-fluoro-1-benzofuran-3-yl)carbonyl]biphenyl-4-yl)oxy](phenyl)acetic acid;~~

~~N-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl]methionine;~~

~~N-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl]serine;~~

~~N-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl]alanine;~~

~~N-{4'-[(2-benzyl-7-ethoxy-1-benzofuran-4-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl}phenylalanine;~~

~~N-[4'-(2-benzyl-4-fluoro-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl]phenylalanine;~~

~~2-benzyl-4-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3,5-dimethylbiphenyl-4-yl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;~~

~~2-benzyl-4-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-3-yl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;~~

~~2-benzyl-4-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;~~

~~N-{4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-  
 [(phenylacetyl)amino]biphenyl-4-yl}phenylalanine;  
 4-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]-2-[4-  
 (methylsulfonyl)benzyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;  
 N-[[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl]-  
 4-fluorophenylalanine;  
 N-[[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl]-  
 4-fluoro-N-methylphenylalanine;  
 N-[[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl]-  
 3-fluorophenylalanine;  
 N-[[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl]-  
 3-fluoro-N-methylphenylalanine;  
 N-[[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl]-  
 N-ethyl-4-fluorophenylalanine;  
 N-[[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-  
 yl]sulfonyl]leucine;  
 N-[[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-  
 yl]sulfonyl]alanine;  
 2-(((4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-  
 yl]sulfonyl)amino)butanoic acid;  
 4-(4-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-phenyl)-4-oxo-2-(3-trifluoromethyl-  
 benzyl)-butyric acid;  
 N-[[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl]-  
 N-[3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]leucine;  
 2-(((4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-  
 yl]sulfonyl)[3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]amino)butanoic acid;  
 methyl-4-(4'-dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-ylbiphenyl-4-yl)-4-oxo-2-  
 [3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]butanoate;  
 [(4'-{[(9-oxo-9H-fluoren-1-yl)oxy]methyl}biphenyl-4-  
 yl)oxy](phenyl)acetic acid;~~

~~methyl {[4'-(1-benzofuran-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]oxy}(phenyl)acetate;~~  
~~{[4'-(3-(butylamino)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]amino}(phenyl)acetic acid;~~  
~~{[4'-(1-benzothien-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]oxy}(phenyl)acetic acid;~~  
~~methyl {[4'-(1-benzyl-1H-indol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]oxy}(phenyl)acetate;~~  
~~ethyl ({[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl}amino)(phenyl)acetate;~~  
~~methyl 2-(4-benzo[b]naphtho[2,3-d]furan-11-ylphenoxy)propanoate;~~  
~~3-({[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]carbonyl}amino)butanoic acid;~~  
~~N-([4'-(5-methyl-1H-indol-1-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]carbonyl)phenylalanine;~~  
~~N-([4'-(1H-indol-1-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]carbonyl)-L-phenylalanine;~~  
~~N-(3'-fluoro-3-nitro-1,1':4',1''-terphenyl-4-yl)phenylalanine;~~  
~~2-benzyl-4-[4'-(1H-indol-1-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;~~  
~~2-[4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitro-biphenyl-4-ylamino]-3-phenyl-propionic acid;~~  
~~4-(4'-dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-ylbiphenyl-4-yl)-4-oxo-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]butanoic acid;~~  
~~[(4'-dibenzo[b,d]thien-4-ylbiphenyl-4-yl)oxy](phenyl)acetic acid;~~  
~~2-[4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-fluoro-biphenyl-4-sulfonylamino]-3-phenyl-propionic acid;~~

~~2-([4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-fluoro-biphenyl-4-sulfonyl]-methyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;~~  
~~4-[4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-yl]-2-[2-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-isoindol-2-yl)-ethyl]-4-oxo-butyric acid;~~  
~~2-Benzyl-4-[4'-(2-benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-3,5-dimethyl-biphenyl-4-yl]-4-oxo-butyric acid;~~  
~~2-Benzyl-4-(4'-indol-1-yl-biphenyl-4-yl)-4-oxo-butyric acid;~~  
~~2-Benzyl-4-[4'-(2-benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-3-yl]-4-oxo-butyric acid;~~  
~~2-Benzyl-4-[4'-(2-benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-2-yl]-4-oxo-butyric acid;~~  
~~4-[4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-yl]-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-benzyl)-4-oxo-butyric acid;~~  
~~2-[4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-sulfonylamino]-3-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-propionic acid;~~  
~~2-([4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-sulfonyl]-methyl-amino)-3-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-propionic acid;~~  
~~2-[4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-sulfonylamino]-3-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-propionic acid;~~  
~~2-([4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-sulfonyl]-methyl-amino)-3-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-propionic acid;~~  
~~2-([4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-sulfonyl]-ethyl-amino)-3-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-propionic acid;~~  
~~2-[4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-sulfonylamino]-4-methyl-pentanoic acid;~~  
~~2-[4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-sulfonylamino]-propionic acid;~~  
~~2-[4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-sulfonylamino]-butyric acid;~~  
~~2-(4'-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-biphenyl-4-sulfonylamino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;~~

~~(4'-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-biphenyl-4-sulfonylamino)-phenyl-~~  
~~acetic acid;~~

~~2- {[4-(2-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-benzenesulfonyl]-~~  
~~ethyl-amino}-3-phenyl-propionic acid;~~

~~(4'-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-biphenyl-4-ylmethoxyimino)-phenyl-~~  
~~acetic acid;~~

~~3-(4'-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-biphenyl-4-ylmethoxyimino)-3-~~  
~~phenyl-propionic acid;~~

[4'-(5-Chloro-indol-1-yl)-biphenyl-4-yloxy]-phenyl-acetic  
acid;

(3-Chloro-4'-dibenzofuran-4-yl-biphenyl-4-yloxy)-phenyl-  
acetic acid;

(4'-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-2-methyl-biphenyl-4-yloxy)-phenyl-  
acetic acid;

(4'-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-3-fluoro-biphenyl-4-yloxy)-phenyl-  
acetic acid;

(2-Chloro-4'-dibenzofuran-4-yl-biphenyl-4-yloxy)-phenyl-  
acetic acid; and

(4'-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-2-trifluoromethyl-biphenyl-4-yloxy)-  
phenyl-acetic acid.